THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a), (b) & (c) The development of tourism in any area of the state is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Government provides financial assistance in consultation with the State Governments for development of tourism infrastructure. The following projects have been sanctioned for development of tourism at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

(1) Cafetaria at Sanchi
(2) Tourist Reception Center, Sanchi08.32
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No project proposal has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of Sajdhara and for providing floodlighting for Sanchi Stupa.

Sharing of Cost of Sardar Sarovar Project

774. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that participating States, viz., Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, have to pay the arrears to the tune of Rs. 933.04 crores to the Government of Gujarat as share cost of Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Gujarat urged upon the Central Government to use its good offices for realisation of the arrears;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the participating States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The participating States, viz., Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra and Rajasthan have to pay arrears to the tune of Rs. 1251.69 crore to Gujarat, out of which Rs. 762.08 crore is the undisputed amount and an amount of Rs. 489.61 crores is disputed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The issue has been discussed in the meetings of the Narmada Control Authority (NCA), Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee (SSCAC) and the Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA). The Cabinet Secretary had also convened inter-state meetings on the issue on 8.6.98 and 13.10.98 wherein the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan had agreed to clear their arrears of undisputed outstanding shares to Govt. of Gujarat.

This matter was again discussed in the meeting of the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee on 28.10.99 wherein the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan had agreed to make all efforts to release balance amount of their undisputed share at the earliest.

Rivers Flowing from Nepal to Bihar

†775. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the rivers flowing from Nepal to Bihar, togetherwith the number of Kilometres which they cover from Nepal to Bihar;

(b) whether these rivers cause heavy floods in Bihar every year;

(c) whether any negotiations are being held to control these rivers between India and Nepal and to save Bihar from floods; and

(d) if so, the progress made since its beginning as on date, togetherwith the future plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The names of the major rivers flowing from Nepal to Bihar are the

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.